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I urge Pennsylvania policy makers to improve health coverage for the EHB-benchmark plan regarding the PA requirement to include 40 P.S. § 764h (Autism Spectrum Coverage). The law has an age limit of 21 years of age or under for diagnosis and treatment. This should not have an age minimum. Autism Spectrum Disorder is not a condition that only impacts youth. Particularly, there are a lot of people that have never had the opportunity to get a diagnosis due to systemic barriers or their parents/guardians that was not in their control. It is my opinion that by having this age cutoff for Autism, it is discriminatory in design for person with disabilities, and people of color and women that are historically missed in being diagnosed at earlier years.